2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019

Nations shall behold
your vindication, and all
the kings your glory.

— 1saiah 62:2

A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see,* not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to "lighten up" is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, "Let us pray," a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

-- Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tues:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wed:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thurs:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Fri:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Sat:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
Sun:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4

LOOKING GOOD

The best mirror is a friend's eyes.

—Gaelic proverb

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **January** offerings:

1/13: 1st Collection: $2406. Church in Latin Amer/Centr-East Europe: $778.
1/20: Capital Expenditures. 1/27: Rural Food.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Fri., 1/25/19, at 10AM in Hall
Finance Council: Wed., 2/13/19, at 11AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 2/22/19, at 9:30AM in Hall

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044
St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Susan, 829-1189

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: 9:30AM at St Philip

Coffee & Goodies: Following 8AM Sunday Mass and Wednesday/Friday after 9AM Mass, at St Philip Hall

Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:
All seniors welcome! (*No lunch Monday before 2nd Tuesday of month*)

✞ ♥ ✞ Mass Intentions ✞ ♥ ✞ Schedule

Sat., Jan. 19, 5pm Mass for the conversion & just punishment of the perpetrators & concealers of sexual abuse
Sun., Jan. 20, 8am Mass Mary & Tony Wallace
Sun., Jan. 20, 9:30am Mass ✞ Holly & Sean White
Sun., Jan. 20, 11:15am Mass for the People
Mon., Jan. 21, 9am Prayer Service
Tues., Jan. 22, 9am Mass Paul Wallace
Wed., Jan. 23, 9am Mass ✞ Tina Bartolo
Thurs., Jan. 24, 9am Mass ✞ Holly & Sean White
Fri., Jan. 25, 9am Mass ✞ Emily & Joe Palmer
Sat., Jan. 26, 5pm Mass ✞ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
Sun., Jan. 27, 8am Mass for the People
Sun., Jan. 27, 9:30am Mass ✞ Holly & Sean White
Sun., Jan. 27, 11:15am Mass for the strength of bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting/leading their sheep from all harm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Agnes
Tuesday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Wednesday:	St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Thursday:	St. Francis de Sales
Friday:	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; Week of Pray for Christian Unity ends
Saturday:	Ss. Timothy and Titus

Prayer Requests: Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Jamie S., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne P., Sr. Marjorie, Barbara, Fr. Logan, Dave Creeth, Jim P., William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columbina A., Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa S., Susan B., Zeidan family, Joyce Doughty, Pineda family, David Bettencourt

Pope Francis Quote

"The spirit of the world is conquered by the spirit of faith: believing that God is really in the brother and sister who are close to me."

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for January 2019

On January 8 we welcomed 84 families representing 118 adults, 22 children and 32 seniors for a total of 150 people receiving nutritional support. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection on the last Sunday of each month as well as through private donations and the generous support of our volunteers.

Without the incredible dedication and hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our parish community and other donors we could not carry on this vital ministry. In addition, those who serve the Rural Food program come from St. Philip and St. Teresa and our four Eucharistic communities. Please pray that our ministry continues to flourish to serve our sisters and brothers in need.

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags and recyclable grocery bags for our clients

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, February 9, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall
Monday,February 11, from 12:30-2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 12, from 8:30-11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

We need more volunteers on Tuesday to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles. Also, if you are interested in helping "behind the scenes" on days other than set up and food distribution days please let us know. Thank you.

CELEBRATE 2019

NEXT SUNDAY - JANUARY 27, 2019

4-8PM AT THE UNION HOTEL

We've made some changes this year based on your feedback:

We will have a large variety of prizes available for you to win with $5 and $50 raffle tickets.

Drink and raffle tickets will be available for purchase in the ballroom when you arrive.

Bring your CELEBRATE event ticket with you.

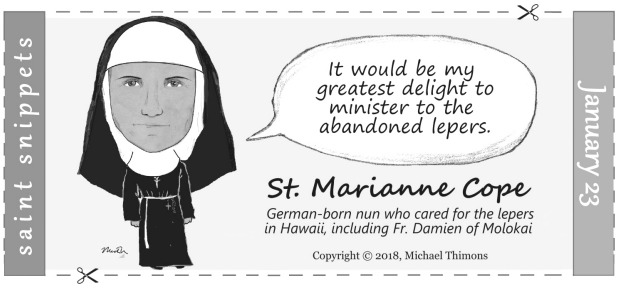
A fabulous Union Hotel Italian dinner will be served while you learn whether you are a raffle winner.

We encourage using cash or checks as it will get you to the raffle and bar quickly.

We will have credit card devices available for those who don't mind waiting. Also there is an ATM at the Union Hotel if you prefer.

If you need a ticket after 1/20/19, call the parish office for ticket availability.

See you at CELEBRATE next Sunday at the Union Hotel!



Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adam's original picture of St. Teresa Church from 1953: *All proceeds support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. A limited number of prints have been printed from Ansel's original negative. Each reprint is individually numbered. Prints are available for a donation of $175. Please contact a restoration committee member for your own limited print: Peg 707-867-6073 or Bob 707-875-9148.*

Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser:

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Mike Spediacci, Owner

Your New Offertory Envelopes for January & February should have arrived, and the next batch every two months. Using envelopes is the only way we can track your donations for tax purposes. [**The Internal Revenue Service** requires us to keep exact records if you wish proof of your donations for tax purposes.] Don't have a number yet or don't know it? Then please contact the parish office for help: 874-3812.

Many Thanks to all those crews who worked on the outdoor landscaping, lighting, and indoor decorating at St. Teresa and St. Philip, helping our churches and hall to look beautiful for the Christmas Season. We thank you folks for sharing your time, treasure, and talent.

Please be mindful of others during the cold & flu season. If you are sick, please refrain from holding hands during the Our Father/kiss of peace and from receiving the CUP during communion. You are welcome to receive communion. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Get well soon!